

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

James Rudolph MEYER et al.

Application No.: New Rule 53(b) Divisional of
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/397,735

Filed: August 20, 2003

Docket No.: 104336.01

For: ASSAY DEVICE PROCESSING INSTRUMENT

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

George P. Simion
Registration No. 47,089

JAO:GPS/dmw

Date: August 20, 2003

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE
AUTHORIZATION**

Please grant any extension
necessary for entry;

Charge any fee due to our
Deposit Account No. 15-0461

Form PTO-1449 (REV. 8-83)		US Dept. of Commerce PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTY DOCKET NO. 104336.01		APPLICATION NO. New Rule 53(b) Divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/397,735	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)				APPLICANT(S) James Rudolf MEYER et al.			
				FILING DATE August 20, 2003		GROUP	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
		4,403,687	09/1983	Stevens et al.			
		5,009,998	04/1991	Chow et al.			
		5,514,889	10/1992	Muraishi			
		5,807,523	09/1998	Watts et al.			
		5,762,874	06/1998	Seaton et al.			
		5,736,102	04/1998	Seaton et al.			
		5,670,375	09/1997	Seaton et al.			
		4,710,352	12/1987	Seaton et al.			
		4,692,308	09/1987	Riley et al.			
		4,857,272	08/1989	Sugaya			
		5,518,688	05/1996	Gianino			
		5,736,101	04/1998	Gianino			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
		EP 0 571 033 A1	05/1993	Europe			
		EP 0 733 905 A2	09/1996	Europe			
		EP 0 802 413 A2	10/1997	Europe			
		WO 93/23732	11/1993	WIPO			
		WO 98/00697	01/1998	WIPO			
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
		Beck, Shane, "Round and round, Side to Side: Environmental Shakers/Incubators," The Scientist, Vol. 12, No. 16, Aug. 1988, pp. 16-19.					
		"The ThermoPrep 3," HYPERION, web pages.					
EXAMINER					DATE CONSIDERED		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.							

Date: August 20, 2003

Form PTO-1449 (REV. 8-83)		US Dept. of Commerce PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTY DOCKET NO. 104336.01		APPLICATION NO. New Rule 53(b) Divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/397,735	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)				APPLICANT(S) James Rudolf MEYER et al. FILING DATE August 20, 2003			
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
		5,232,665	08/1993	Burkovich et al.			
		5,240,678	08/1993	Litsche			
		5,360,597	11/1994	Jakubowicz et al.			
		4,855,109	09/1989	Muraishi et al.			
		6,106,781	08/2000	Rosenberg			
		6,146,882	11/2000	Uematsu et al.			
		5,966,309	10/1999	O'Bryan et al.			
		5,849,247	12/1998	Uzan et al.			
		5,798,084	08/1998	Seaton et al.			
		6,296,809 B1	10/2001	Richards et al.			
		4,591,556	05/1986	Saxholm			
		6,261,521	07/2001	Mimura et al.			
		6,019,945	02/2000	Ohishi et al.			
		5,985,215	11/1999	Sakazume et al.			
		5,104,231	04/1992	Collier et al.			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
		JP 2002-22738	01/2002	Japan			
		JP 08029432 A	02/1996	Japan			
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED			
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.							

Date: August 20, 2003